

# **Photo ID Required for Voting in Person**

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB 14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively ended all pending litigation.

As a result, **voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections.**

## **DPS to Offer Free Voter ID Cards**

The IDs are free and will be available to voters who do not yet have a viable form of ID, such as:

- 1. Tx Driver's License,**
- 2. Tx ID Card**
- 3. Tx Concealed Handgun License,**
- 4. U.S. Passport,**
- 5. U.S. Certificate of Naturalization, or a**
- 6. Military ID.**

Applicants must go to a DPS driver's license office to apply and show proof of citizenship. The IDs can only be used to vote, and are not acceptable forms of personal identification for any other purposes.

In order to qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens and Texas residents and be eligible to vote in Texas. They must prove it by showing a valid voter registration card or submitting a voter registration application when applying for the card. Most documents will be valid for six years, though they do not expire for citizens 70 or older.

If you have any other questions on obtaining a Voter ID card, you can call the Texas Department of Transportation (DPS) and speak with Trooper Maria Madrigal at (956) 728-2301.